

IN THE CLAIMS

31. (amended) A method for distribution of content, comprising:

distributing information content-mastered optical disks to a plurality of users, wherein each optical disk includes the content and a unique identifier ~~number~~ and wherein a first portion of the content on each optical disk is readable by an optical disk reader only in response to the following steps:

~~distributing a first permission code to the optical disk reader in exchange for a first payment,~~

generating a first access code by using the first permission code and the unique identifier ~~identifying number~~; and

writing the first access code onto the optical disk, ~~wherein~~ whereby the optical disk reader may read the first portion of the content stored on the optical disk by using the first access code.

32. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein distributing the first permission code comprises distributing the first permission code via an Internet communications link.

33. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein the content includes content selected from among text content, music content, software and motion picture content.

34. (amended) The method of claim 31, wherein a second portion of the content on each optical disk is readable by an optical disk reader only in response to the following steps:

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distributing a second permission code to the optical disk reader in exchange for a second payment,

generating a second access code by using the second permission code and the unique identifier identifying number; and

writing the second access code onto the optical disk, ~~wherein~~ whereby the optical disk reader may read the second portion of the content stored on the optical disk by using the second access code.

35. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein said step of distributing information content-mastered optical disks comprises unsolicited distributing of information content-mastered optical disks.

36. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein said step of distributing information content-mastered optical disks comprises downloading the content to the optical disks over a communications link.

37. (previously added) The method of claim 36, wherein said communications link is an Internet link.

38. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein said first payment is a payment performed by authorizing a charge to a credit or debit account over a communications link.

39. (previously added) The method of claim 31, wherein the first access code is generated by a computer which is remotely connected to the optical disk reader over a

communications link.

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40. (previously added) The method of claim 39, wherein said communications link is an Internet link.

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